

THIRD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON PALESTINE

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OUR VISION FOR LIBERATION IN PALESTINE



November 5-7, 2022

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Third International Conference on Palestine Our Vision for Liberation in Palestine Engaging Academics, Intellectuals, and Activists

In the past, The Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University (IZU) had organized two international conferences on Palestine featuring some of the most renowned academics, speakers, and voices of conscience from around the world. The first conference was convened in April 2019 under the theme: *The Question of Palestine: Examining History, Geopolitics, and Future Prospects*, while the second conference was convened in June 2021 under the theme: *Challenging Apartheid in Palestine: Reclaiming The Narrative, Formulating A Vision*.

These conferences examined many aspects of the Palestinian issue with emphasis on how to challenge and dismantle the racist system of structural colonization and control in the historical land of Palestine. In addition, strategies and actions needed to confront repressive and exclusionary policies, dismantling the repressive and racist system, and empowering the oppressed and occupied, were explored and discussed.

This year, CIGA, in cooperation with the European Centre for Palestine Studies at the University of Exeter in the United Kingdom, the Global Coalition for Quds and Palestine (GCQP) in Beirut, Lebanon and the Ümmet Vakfı (Ummah Foundation) in Istanbul, Türkiye, is organizing its third International Conference on Palestine under the title **Our Vision for Liberation in Palestine: Engaging Academics, Intellectuals, and Activists**. The theme is based on the newly published book under the same theme that was edited by Dr. Ramzy Baroud and Prof. Ilan Pappé.

The conference will feature 19 speakers, who contributed chapters in this much acclaimed book. The speakers will not only present enlightened and informed views on how to envision a liberated Palestine, but will also engage the audience and other scholars on how these visions and perspectives could become a reality that puts an end to the Israeli Apartheid system and achieve the vital goals of justice, freedom, equality, and lasting peace in the Holy land.



CIGA Vision

To be a premiere research institution for ideas, analysis, and policy recommendations on global affairs impacting the Muslim World, and to foster future relations with world powers based on shared principles, common interests, and mutual respect.

Mission Statement

The Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) is an independent, nonprofit, research and public policy institution based in Istanbul, Türkiye, and affiliated with Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. Its mission is "To conduct high quality research and analysis, educate the public and policy-makers, train experts, and propose novel ideas and policy recommendations regarding global policies and relations impacting the Islamic world, and the development and progress of Muslim societies."

Conference Co-sponsor

The European Centre for Palestine Studies (ECPS) at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies at the University of Exeter, UK aims to function as a hub for intellectual engagement with the Palestine question, facilitating scholarly research, helping to refine public discussion, and offering programmes for postgraduate study.

The Global Coalition for Quds and Palestine (GCQP) is based in Beirut, Lebanon. Its purpose is to establish a coalition around the world for joint action towards the mobilization of the Ummah's efforts to perform its role in supporting the cause of Jerusalem and Palestine.

Ümmet Vakfı (Ummah Foundation) is an independent Turkish association based in Istanbul, Türkiye, which aims to improve Al-Quds citizens' abilities, preserve their heritage and identity, and revive their culture through strategic allocation of their needs and priorities. Seeking to find the best and proper methods to maximize the impact and benefit of the available fund resources.

Media Cosponsor: **Palestine International Forum for Media and Communication "Tawasol"**

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Conference Program Day 1 - Saturday, Nov. 5

Session I (15:00-16:15): Opening Session

Chair: Prof. Sami A. Al-Arian, CIGA Director

Welcoming Remarks

Prof. Dr. Ahmet Cevat Acar, IZU Rector, Türkiye
Mr. Hasan Turan, MP, Chair of Palestine Committee, Turkish Parliament
Mr. Mehmet Mazi, President, Ümmet Vakfı, Türkiye
Mr. Fethi Abdulkadir, Global Coalition for Quds and Palestine (GCQP), Lebanon
Prof. Ilan Pappé, University of Exeter, UK

Our Vision for Liberation Project

Dr. Ramzy Baroud, Author, CIGA, USA

Keynote Speaker

Palestine and The Road to Liberation

Prof. Richard Falk, University of California-Santa Barbara, USA

Session II (16:30-18:00): Origins and Memories of Liberation I

Chair: Dr. Fadi Zitari, CIGA, IZU, Türkiye

A Personal Journey Through Palestine's Tragedy

Mr. Hasan Abu Nimah, Former Diplomat, Jordan

Excavating Earth and Memory: The Role of Archaeology in Our Liberation

Mr. Hamdan Taha, Archeologist, Palestine

Blessed are Those Who Resist: A Christian Vision for Liberation

Fr. Manuel Musallam, Christian Leader, Palestine

An Equal Rights Campaign Key to the End of Zionism

Dr. Ghada Karmi, University of Exeter, UK

Session III (18:30-20:00): Origins and Memories of Liberation II

Chair: Prof. Ismail Yaylacı, Fatih Sultan Mehmet University, Türkiye

The Struggle to Control the Narrative: While pursuing Liberation, Watch Your Language

Prof. Ibrahim G. Aoudé, University of Hawaii, USA

“Next Year in Beit Daras”: Reclaiming Our Narrative, Telling Our Stories

Prof. Ghada Ageel, University of Alberta, Canada

Writing in Blank Spaces

Ms. Samah Sabawi, Writer, Australia

No Future Without Memory: Deportivo Palestino and the Story of Palestinians in Chile

Mr. Anuar Majluf Issa, Palestinian Community of Chile, Chile

Day 2 - Sunday, Nov. 6

Session IV (16:00-17:45): On Media, Culture, Education, and Charity

Chair: Dr. Yasemin Saib, CIGA, IZU, Türkiye

Reflections on the Media: A Powerful Tool for Liberation

Mr. Qassem Izzat Ali, Media Specialist, Egypt

A Palestinian Reflection on What We learn

Dr. Mazin Qumsiyeh, Bethlehem University, Palestine

On Dignity and Empowerment: The Role of Charity in Our Struggle

Dr. Laila Al-Marayati, Medical Doctor, Kinder USA

Through The Eye of a Needle: Stitching the Palestinian History of Resistance and Sumud

Ms. Jan Chalmers, Palestinian History Tapestry Project, UK

Session V (18:15-20:00): On Liberation, Resistance, Politics, and Empowerment

Chair: Prof. Nagihan Haliloğlu, Ibn Haldun University, Türkiye

In Pursuit of the “Normal”: Palestinian Citizenship within the Zionist Colonial Framework

Ms. Haneen Zoabi, Political Activist, Nazareth

From Sham Citizenship to Liberation Discourse: The One Secular Democratic State Campaign

Mr. Awad Abdelfattah, NGO President, Haifa

The International Struggle on Behalf of Palestine

Prof. Ilan Pappé, University of Exeter, UK

Towards a Global Solidarity Movement for a free Palestine: Engaging Governments, Parties, Institutions & Mass Action Networks

Prof. Sami A. Al-Arian, CIGA, IZU, Türkiye

Day 3 - Monday, Nov. 7

Session VI (16:00-17:45): The Many Faces of Resistance

Chair: Prof. Heba Raouf Ezzat, Ibn Haldun University, Türkiye

Ethics of Liberation: Palestine as a Mode of Existence

Dr. Randa Abdel-Fattah, Macquarie University, Australia

To Liberate Palestine, Empower its Refugees

Ms. Samaa Abu Sharar, Human Rights Advocate, Lebanon

Researching the Enemy: MADAR as a Case Study

Mr. Johnny Mansour, Historian, Haifa

Fashioning Hope Out of Despair: How to Resist and Win inside Israeli Prisons

Ms. Khalida Jarrar, Human Rights Activist, Palestine

Session VII (18:15-20:00): Open Discussion with Scholars

Moderators: Ilan Pappé and Ramzy Baroud

Panelists

Awad Abdelfattah
Ghada Ageel
Qassem Izzat Ali
Hamdan Taha

Samaa Abu Sharar
Sami Al-Arian
Johnny Mansour
Haneen Zoabi



Biographies of Speakers and Moderators



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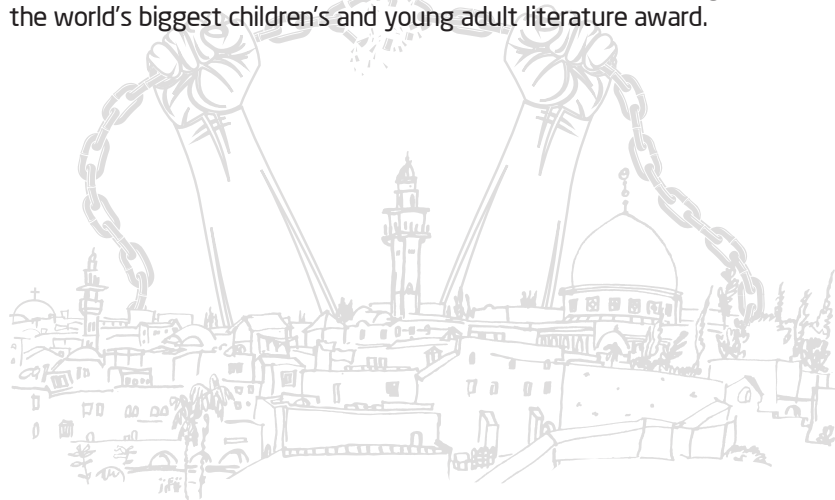
Awad Abdelfattah is the Coordinator of the One Democratic State Campaign (ODSC). He is the former Secretary-General of Balad/Tajamo'a party. Abdelfattah is a prominent political analyst and a speaker in various international forums.





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Randa Abdel-Fattah is a Palestinian Egyptian Australian Muslim writer, academic, activist and former lawyer. She is a postdoctoral research fellow in the Department of Sociology at Macquarie University. Abdel-Fattah's books include Islamophobia and Everyday Multiculturalism (2018), the co-edited anthology Arab, Australian, Other: Stories on Race and Identity and Coming of Age in the War on Terror (2021). Abdel-Fattah is also the multi-award-winning author of 11 novels published in over 20 countries, including her best-selling debut novel "Does My Head Look Big in This?" Abdel-Fattah has been nominated for Sweden's 2019 and 2018 Astrid Lindgren Award, the world's biggest children's and young adult literature award.



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Ahmet Cevat Acar born in Kastamonu-Taşköprü in 1960, graduated from the Faculty of Business Administration (1980). He completed his master's degree in Istanbul University Faculty of Business "Personnel Management and Industrial Relations", and his doctorate in Istanbul University Social Sciences Institute "Business and Personnel Management-Organization". Dr. Acar, who became an assistant professor in 1994 and an associate professor in 1998 at the Department of Human Resources Management, Faculty of Business Administration, Istanbul University, became a professor in 2007. He carried out training, research, consultancy, publication, and project studies in the fields of Human Resources Management, Management-Organization, and Organizational Behavior. In addition to his academic studies, Dr. Acar is a member of various commissions and board memberships/presidencies, faculty board and faculty board of directors, Istanbul University Institute of Business and Economics (iiE) Deputy Director and Board member, education coordinator, IU strategic planning board member, career center Board member, head of the graduate program, Member of the Advisory Board of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Occupational Health and Safety Strategy Document, and Vice Rector of Istanbul University (2010-2012). He served as the President of the Turkish Academy of Sciences (TÜBA) for two terms between August 2012 and May 2019. Dr. Acar, who undertook the duty of IU Faculty of Business Administration Department of Human Resources Management and a member of the Faculty Board, is also a member of the Turkish Republic Presidential Educational Policy Board and the TÜBA Academy Council.



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Hasan Abdul-Rahim Abu Nimah was born in 1935, in Battir, Palestine. He attended schools in Battir and Bethlehem and graduated from the American University in Beirut. He taught in UNRWA schools for four years, before joining the Jordanian diplomatic service from 1965-2000, serving in embassies in Kuwait, Baghdad, Washington, and London. He was appointed ambassador to Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, and the European Community in 1979 and, from 1990, served as ambassador to Italy and non-resident ambassador to Portugal and San Marino. In 1995, he was appointed as Jordan's Permanent Representative at the United Nations in New York and non-resident ambassador to Cuba. He was a member of the Jordanian delegation to the Washington peace talks in 1992-1993. Following retirement from the diplomatic service, he served as director of the Royal Institute for Interfaith Studies in Jordan (2004-2009) and director of the Regional Human Security Center in Jordan (2009-2011). He was a member of the Jordanian Senate from 2013-2020. He has been writing columns in English and Arabic for 40 years.



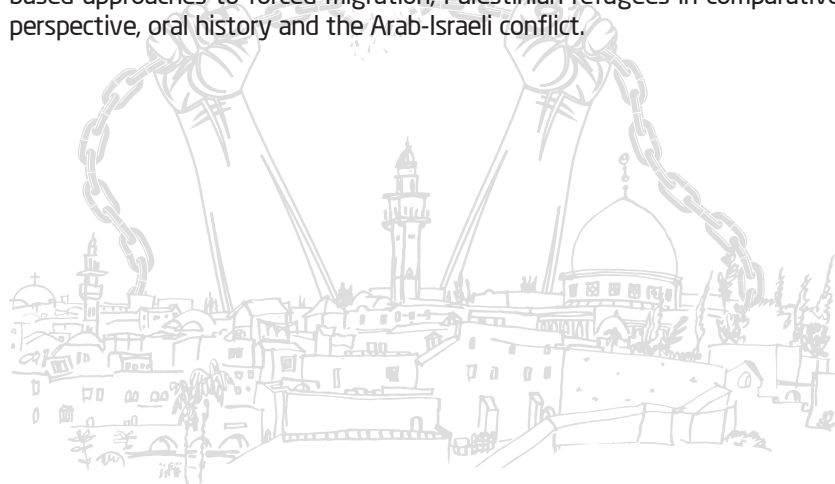
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Samaa Abu Sharar is an independent journalist and researcher based in Beirut, Lebanon. She has covered issues pertaining to the Middle East for several Arab and international media outlets and conducted research work for many local and international organizations, including the United Nations and the European Union, regarding Palestinian refugees in Lebanon. She has published numerous articles and research papers in Arabic, English and French. Abu Sharar also heads the Majed Abu Sharar Media Foundation (MASMF), a non-governmental organization that works to empower youth in Palestinian refugee camps and gatherings in Lebanon in the field of media in order to convey their messages away from the misrepresentation and stereotypes of mainstream media. She also oversees "Shababeek," a training website for Palestinian youth in camps and gatherings in Lebanon.



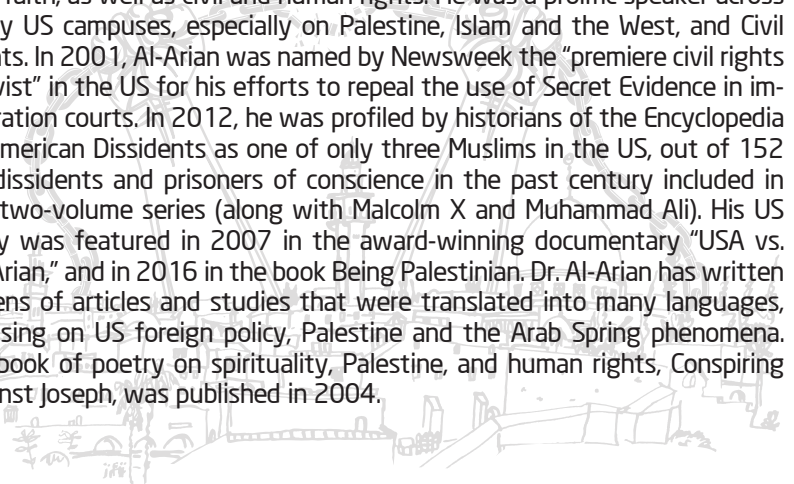
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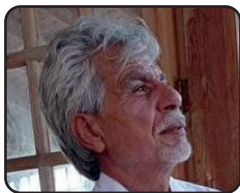
Ghada Ageel is a visiting Professor in the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta, and the editor of both *Apartheid in Palestine: Hard Laws and Harder Experiences* and *Women's Voices from Gaza* series. A third-generation Palestinian refugee, Dr. Ageel holds a Ph.D. and MA in Middle East Politics from the University of Exeter/UK and a BA in Education from the Islamic University/Gaza. Her research interests focus on rights-based approaches to forced migration, Palestinian refugees in comparative perspective, oral history and the Arab-Israeli conflict.



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Sami A. Al-Arian is the Director of the Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) and public affairs professor at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. He received his Ph.D. in 1986 and was a tenured academic in the United States for many years, receiving several teaching awards and grants. During his four decades in the US (1975-2015), Dr. Al-Arian founded numerous institutions and publications in the fields of education, research, religion and interfaith, as well as civil and human rights. He was a prolific speaker across many US campuses, especially on Palestine, Islam and the West, and Civil Rights. In 2001, Al-Arian was named by Newsweek the "premiere civil rights activist" in the US for his efforts to repeal the use of Secret Evidence in immigration courts. In 2012, he was profiled by historians of the *Encyclopedia of American Dissidents* as one of only three Muslims in the US, out of 152 US dissidents and prisoners of conscience in the past century included in the two-volume series (along with Malcolm X and Muhammad Ali). His US story was featured in 2007 in the award-winning documentary "USA vs. Al-Arian," and in 2016 in the book *Being Palestinian*. Dr. Al-Arian has written dozens of articles and studies that were translated into many languages, focusing on US foreign policy, Palestine and the Arab Spring phenomena. His book of poetry on spirituality, Palestine, and human rights, *Conspiring against Joseph*, was published in 2004.





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Qassem Izzat Ali is a media specialist, a founder and innovator in the television news industry. Ali's journalism career has evolved over the past three decades, from covering the First Palestinian Intifada to leading the only Arabic television news agency to international renown. As a pioneer in the news industry, he established Ramattan News Agency, a Palestinian news agency based on solid, strategic, grassroots news gathering within Palestinian communities. In this way, Ali has shaped the international media focus on key historical events, including the Israeli reaction to the outbreak of the First Palestinian Intifada in the camps of Gaza, the response of Iraq to the first Gulf War and the 2008-2009 War on Gaza. Politically active as a student in Birzeit, New York and Oxford Universities, Ali broke new ground in the early '90s with his research on the evolution of walait il faqih (Islamist political thought) and its diverse interpretations and relationship to political resistance movements from North Africa and the Middle East to Pakistan and India. This focus evolved to shape the social and political underpinnings of the Arab Spring movements and the ongoing international geopolitical dynamics that continue to impact contemporary Middle East.



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Laila Al-Marayati has been a long-time activist in the American Muslim community, writing and speaking extensively on issues of concern to Muslim women and Muslims in general, with particular focus on religious freedom, women's rights in Islam, reproductive health, sexuality and spirituality. She is the chair of KinderUSA (Kids in Need of Development, Education and Relief), a non-profit humanitarian organization that provides health, education, and other forms of assistance to Palestinian children and their families living in the West Bank, Gaza and refugee camps in Lebanon. She has been providing obstetrics and gynecological services to women of all backgrounds, with a particular commitment to the underserved, and to educating the next generation of physicians specializing in women's health.





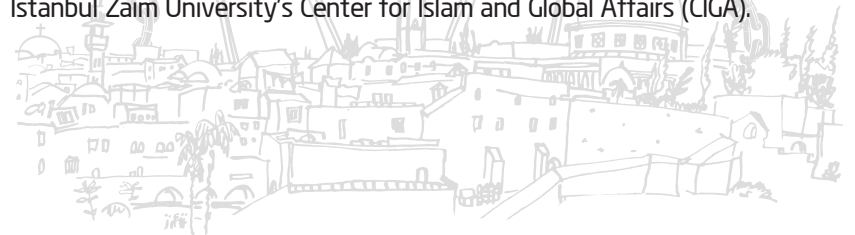
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Ibrahim G. Aoudé is Professor of Ethnic Studies at the University of Hawaii–Mānoa. He is the Editor of Arab Studies Quarterly and holds a Ph.D. in political science. His publications include articles, book chapters and edited volumes in political economy, globalization and inter-ethnic relations about Palestine, Lebanon, Iraq, Türkiye, Egypt, and Hawaii. He is the author (pen name: B. J. Odeh) of *Lebanon: Dynamics of Conflict* (Zed Books, 1985). Since 2001, he has been the producer and host of the TV show “Island Connections” on the Educational Channel, sponsored by the Department of Ethnic Studies.



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Ramzy Baroud was born in the Nuseirat Refugee Camp in the Gaza Strip. He is a Palestinian American journalist, media consultant, an author, internationally-syndicated columnist and editor of The Palestine Chronicle. Baroud taught mass communication at Australia’s Curtin University of Technology, Malaysia Campus. Baroud is the author of six books and a contributor to many others. His books include *My Father Was a Freedom Fighter: Gaza’s Untold Story* and *The Last Earth: A Palestinian Story*. Baroud has a Doctorate of Philosophy in Palestine Studies from the European Centre for Palestinian Studies at the University of Exeter and was a Non-Resident Scholar at Orfalea Center for Global and International Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara. Currently, he is a Non-Resident Senior Research Fellow at Istanbul Zaim University’s Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA).





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Jan Chalmers is a nurse and embroiderer who worked for UNRWA in Gaza in 1969 and 1970. She founded the Palestinian History Tapestry Project in 2011. Her idea for a Palestinian history tapestry was prompted by her experience in working with South African village women to create the Keiskamma History Tapestry. With Palestinian colleagues, Jan coordinates the Tapestry panel production.



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Heba Raouf Ezzat is currently on the faculty of the Political Science Department at Ibn Haldun University in Istanbul. She was an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Deputy Director of the Center for Humanities and Interdisciplinary Studies at Cairo University, as well as an Adjunct Professor at the American University in Cairo. She was also a Visiting Fellow at Oxford University, University of Westminster, University of California at Berkeley, Georgetown University, and Oxford's Centre for Islamic Studies. Dr. Ezzat received her BA, MA, and PhD degrees from the University of Cairo in political science in 1987, 1995, and 2007 respectively. She has researched and written on many topics including global civil society, building global democracy, women and politics in Islam, faith and citizenship, and political and social movements in Islam. Some of her publications include *Women, Ethics and Religion* (Co-authored with Nawal Saadawi in the form of a debate, 2000), *On the Future of Women and Politics in the Arab World*, a chapter in *Islam in Transition: Muslim Perspectives* (edited by John J. Donodue and John L. Esposito, Oxford University Press, 2006), and *The Political Imagination of Islamists: A Conceptual Analysis* (in Arabic, 2nd ed. 2015). She has served as a member of the C-100 initiative for Islamic-Western understanding set up by the World Economic Forum, where she was named a Young Global Leader in 2005.



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Richard Falk is Albert G. Milbank Professor Emeritus of International Law at Princeton University (1961-2001), Research Associate at UCSB, and Chair of Global Law, Law Faculty, Queen Mary University London. Between 2008 and 2014, Dr. Falk served as UN Special Rapporteur on Israeli Violations of Human Rights in Occupied Palestine. In 2017, Falk was the co-author with Virginia Tilley of a report commissioned by the UN Economic and Social Commission (ESCWA) under the title "Israel's Practices and Policies Toward the Palestinian People Regarding the Question of Apartheid." Falk is also Senior Vice President of the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. He has been annually nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize since 2008. His recent books include *The Costs of War: International Law, the UN, and World Order after Iraq* (2008); *Achieving Human Rights* (2009); *(Re) Imagining Humane Global Governance* (2014); *Humanitarian Intervention and Legitimacy Wars* (2014); *Palestine: The Legitimacy of Hope* (2014); *Power Shift: On the New Global Order* (2016); and *Palestine Horizon: Toward a Just Peace* (2017). He has also published a book of poems, *Waiting for Rainbows* in 2015. A political memoir, *Public Intellectual: The Life of a Citizen* (2021) was recently published.



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Nagihan Haliloğlu is a lecturer in Comparative Literature at Ibn Haldun University in Istanbul. She holds an MS in Oriental Studies from the University of Oxford and a PhD in English from the University of Heidelberg. Her book on Jean Rhys, *Narrating from the Margins: Self-Representation of Female and Colonial Subjectivities in Jean Rhys's Novels* was published by Rodopi in 2011. She has published articles on multiculturalism, modernism, travel writing, and contemporary Turkish literature. She has given talks and held workshops on literature, cinema, and theatre at various universities. Her reviews have appeared in *The Millions*, *Full Stop*, and the Royal Society for Asian Affairs blog. She also writes reviews in English and Turkish for media outlets in Türkiye.



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Anuar Majluf Issa is a Chilean lawyer of Palestinian origin. He studied Law at the Adolfo Ibáñez University, where he also received a minor in Political Science. Majluf studied Arabic language at the University of Jordan (2010), with a scholarship from the Palestine International Institute (PII) and has Diplomas in “Arab and Islamic Culture” from the Center for Arab Studies of the Faculty of Philosophy and Humanities (2012) and “Current Problems of Civil Responsibility” by the Faculty of Law (2020), both from the University of Chile. Between 2008 and 2009, he was president of the General Union of Palestinian Students (UGEP-Chile), where he raised awareness of the situation of Palestine in many universities. He worked as executive director of the Palestinian Community of Chile until June 2021. In this capacity, he worked in Chile and Latin America, and planned advocacy work with Chilean authorities. As he has become more involved, thus a recognizable personality in the struggle for Palestinian rights, the Israeli government has, in 2017, prohibited him from entering Palestine.



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Khalida Jarrar was born in the city of Nablus in the northern West Bank on February 9, 1963. She has a bachelor's degree in Business Administration and a Master's degree in Democracy and Human Rights from Birzeit University. She served as a Director of Addameer Prisoners' Support and Human Rights Association from 1994 to 2006, when she was elected to the Palestinian Legislative Council (PLC)–the Palestinian Parliament. She now heads the PLC's Prisoners Commission, in addition to her role on the Palestinian National Committee for follow-up with the International Criminal Court. Khalida Jarrar's high profile as a Palestinian leader dedicated to exposing Israeli war crimes to international institutions has made her a target of frequent Israeli arrests and administrative detentions. She has been arrested several times, first in 1989, on the occasion of International Women's Day. She spent a month in prison for taking part in the March 8 rally. In 2015, she was detained in a pre-dawn raid by Israeli Occupation soldiers, who stormed her house in Ramallah. Initially, she was held in administrative detention without trial but, following an international outcry, Israeli authorities tried Khalida Jarrar in a military court, where 12 charges, based entirely on her political activities, were made against her. Some of the charges included giving speeches, holding vigils, and expressing support for Palestinian detainees and their families. She then spent 15 months in prison. Khalida Jarrar was released in June 2016, only to be arrested again in July 2017, when she was also held under administrative detention. The Israeli raid on her home was particularly violent, as soldiers destroyed the main door of her house and confiscated various equipment, including an iPad and her mobile phone. She was interrogated at Ofer Prison before being transferred to HaSharon Prison, where many Palestinian female prisoners are held. She was released in February 2019, after spending nearly 20 months in prison.



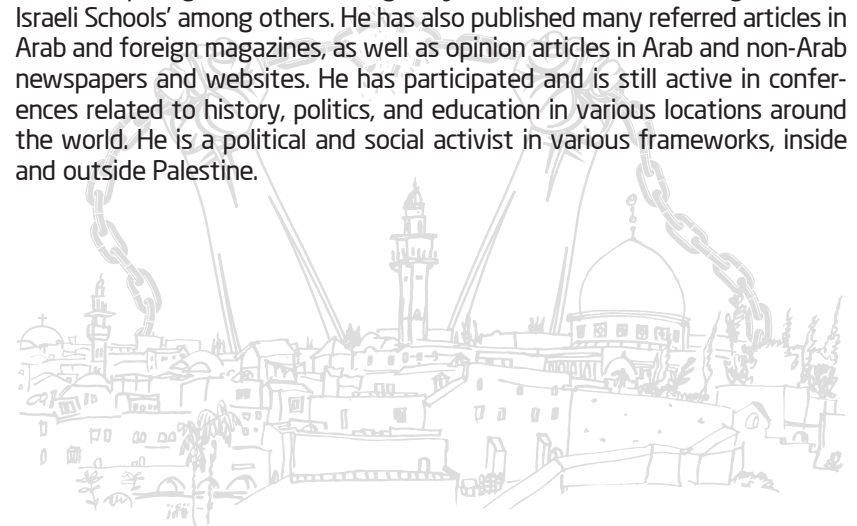
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Ghada Karmi is a Palestinian physician, academic and writer. She is a former research fellow at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies at the University of Exeter, where she lectured on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict. Her major work has been in this area, on which she has published widely. Her books include an acclaimed memoir, *In Search of Fatima, a Palestinian story* (Verso Press, 2002); *Married to Another Man: Israel's Dilemma in Palestine*, which deals with the one-state solution (Pluto Press, 2007); and a second memoir, *Return*, (Verso, 2015).



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Johnny Mansour is a historian from Haifa. He is a lecturer in history and political science. He has published several studies and research papers, such as: 'The Military Institution in Israel,' 'Israeli Settlements,' 'The Hijaz Railway,' 'Lexicon of Israeli and Zionist Personalities and Terms,' 'The Other Israel: A Look from the Inside,' 'Distance Between Two States,' 'Arab Streets of Haifa,' 'Haifa the Word That Has Become a City,' 'Centenary of the Balfour Declaration,' 'Aqila Agha Al-Hassi,' 'Religiosity in Curricula and Teaching Books in Israeli Schools' among others. He has also published many referred articles in Arab and foreign magazines, as well as opinion articles in Arab and non-Arab newspapers and websites. He has participated and is still active in conferences related to history, politics, and education in various locations around the world. He is a political and social activist in various frameworks, inside and outside Palestine.





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Father Manuel Musallam is a Catholic priest, political activist, and writer. He is iconic in his native Palestine. Born in 1938, in the town of Birzeit in the central West Bank, Musallam studied philosophy and theology to become a priest in 1963. He has served various parishes, from Jordan's Zarqa and Anjara in the 1960s, to Palestine's Jenin (1970-1975), Zababdeh (1975-1995) and finally Gaza (1995-2009). Father Musallam chaired the Palestinian Department of Christians, the Palestinian Independent Commission to Pursue Israeli War Criminals in 2002, and Gaza's Islamic-Christian Forum, among various peacekeeping roles which, ultimately, earned him the Catholic title of Monsignor in 2006. Father Musallam retired to his birthplace, Birzeit, in 2009. His fierce pro-Palestinian advocacy continues to this day.



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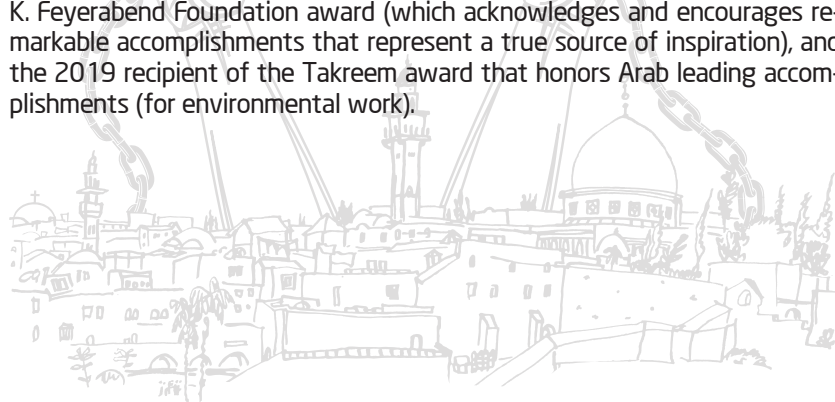
Ilan Pappé was born in Haifa in 1954 and graduated from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem in 1979 and completed his PhD at the university of Oxford, Britain in 1984. Pappé was a lecturer in the department of political science at the University of Haifa from 1984 to 2006 and was forced to leave due to his support for the Palestinian cause. He was also at that time the director of the Emil Touma Institute for Palestinian Studies in Haifa (2000-2006). Since 2007, Pappé is the director of the European Centre for Palestine Studies at the University of Exeter, Britain. He is the author of 20 books among them *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine* and *On Palestine* with Noam Chomsky.





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Mazin Qumsiyeh is founder and volunteer director of the Palestine Institute for Biodiversity and Sustainability (PIBS) at Bethlehem University (<http://palestinenature.org>). Qumsiyeh published over 160 scientific papers, over 30 book chapters, and several books on topics ranging from cultural heritage to human rights to biodiversity conservation to cancer. He serves on the board of a number of Palestinian youth and service organizations (see also <http://qumsiyeh.org>) and oversees many projects related to sustainability of human and natural communities. A 2020 laureate of the Paul K. Feyerabend Foundation award (which acknowledges and encourages remarkable accomplishments that represent a true source of inspiration), and the 2019 recipient of the Takreem award that honors Arab leading accomplishments (for environmental work).



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Samah Sabawi is a writer and scholar. She is a recipient of multiple awards including the prestigious 2020 Green Room Award for Best Writing. Her critically acclaimed theater credits include *Tales of a City by the Sea* and *THEM*. Sabawi co-edited *Double Exposure: Plays of the Jewish and Palestinian Diasporas*, winner of Patrick O'Neill Award and co-authored *I Remember My Name: Poetry* by Samah Sabawi, Ramzy Baroud and Jehan Bseiso, edited by Vacy Vlazna, winner of the Palestine Book Award. Sabawi received a Ph.D. from Victoria University for her thesis "Inheriting Exile, transgenerational trauma and the Palestinian Australian Identity."





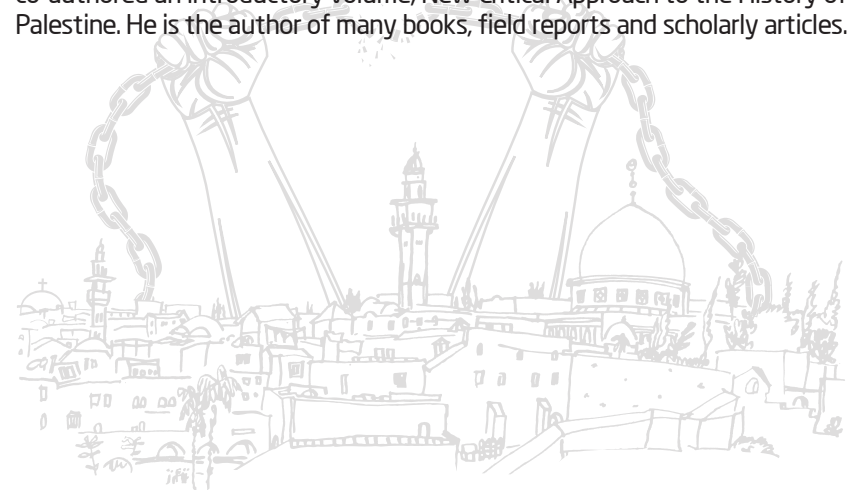
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Yasemin Saib is a Lecturer and a Non-Resident Research Fellow at the Center of Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University. She is also an Adjunct Teaching Faculty in the Department of Religion at Florida International University. Dr. Saib is a Muslim Theologian and Academic specializing in Islamic Jurisprudence. She has earned a PhD in Islamic Studies from the Graduate Theological Foundation, a Masters in Islamic Studies from the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies and a Masters in International Development from North Carolina State University. She began her formal Islamic education over four decades years ago in Saudi Arabia where she studied the Islamic sciences of Tawheed (theology), Tafseer (interpretation), Fiqh (jurisprudence), Hadith (sayings of the prophet) and Quran for 12 years. She is a two-time participant and graduate of the Deen Intensive Rihla Program and studied with numerous Muslim scholars and Academics from the West and the East over the last quarter century. Dr. Saib is frequently invited to religious and academic institutions to lecture on varying subjects relating to Islam and Sufism and is actively engaged in interfaith activities in the community. Dr. Saib is also a certified academic of social sciences; an active philanthropist for orphaned children worldwide, a community builder for social justice, and author of 6 published children's books.



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Hamdan Taha is an independent researcher and former Deputy Minister for Heritage in the Palestinian Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities. He served as Director General of the newly established Department of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage from 1994-2012. He has directed a series of research and salvage excavations in Palestine. He acted as National Coordinator of the World Heritage File in Palestine from 2002-2014 and is currently Coordinator of the Palestine History and Heritage Project, for which he has recently co-authored an introductory volume, *New Critical Approach to the History of Palestine*. He is the author of many books, field reports and scholarly articles.





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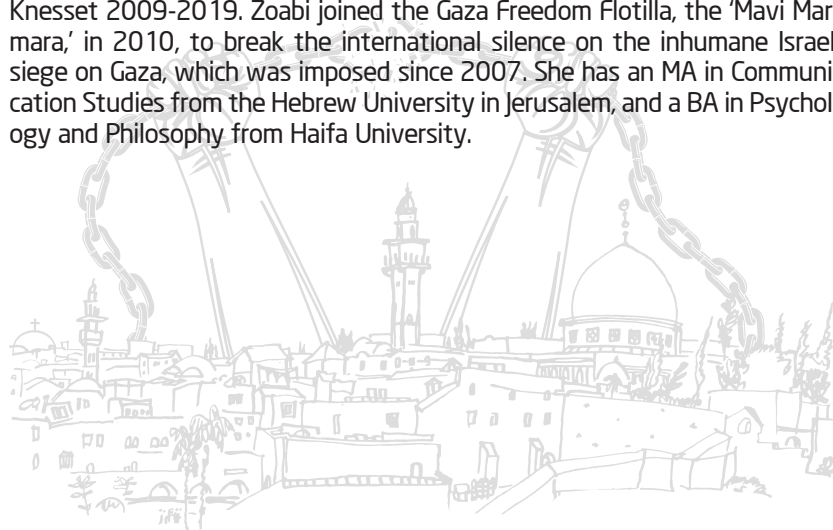
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Fadi Zadari is an Assistant Professor of political science and international relations at Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim university and a Research Fellow at the Center for Islam and Global Affairs (CIGA) since September 2021. He was a lecturer in political science and IR and a research associate at CIGA from 2017 to 2021 at the same university. Dr. Zadari received his education in Palestine, Germany, and Türkiye. In 2021, he received his Ph.D. in Civilization Studies (Political Science) from the Alliance of Civilizations Institute of Ibn Khaldun University, Türkiye. His thesis is entitled "The Construction of a Theory of Civilization Through the Works of al-Māwardī." In 2006, he earned his political science BA from al-Quds University in Jerusalem. In 2009 he received his first Master's degree in International Studies from Birzeit University, and in 2013 his second Master's degree in Political Theory from the Goethe University Frankfurt am Main and the Technical University of Darmstadt, Germany. His academic publications appeared in the *Journal of Middle Eastern Studies*, *Insight Turkey*, *Journal of Islamic Thought and Civilization*, (*Dîvân*) *journal of interdisciplinary studies*, *Darulfunun İlahiyat*, *Contemporary Review of the Middle East and Alternatives: Global, Local, Political*. Besides his native Arabic language, he is fluent in German, English, and Turkish. His research interests are Ethics and Politics, Political Theory, Civilization Studies, Theory of Civilization, Islamic Thought, Classical Muslim thoughts, and the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.



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Haneen Zoabi is a political activist, a member of the National Democratic Assembly (NDA) of Tajamoa, a political party which was established in 1995, to counteract the Oslo Accords. She is the first Palestinian woman representing a Palestinian party in the Israeli Knesset 2009-2019. Zoabi joined the Gaza Freedom Flotilla, the 'Mavi Marmara,' in 2010, to break the international silence on the inhumane Israeli siege on Gaza, which was imposed since 2007. She has an MA in Communication Studies from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, and a BA in Psychology and Philosophy from Haifa University.



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Arena Park Mall

212 Mall

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Heart Hospital

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Halkalı Transportation Hub

Halkalı Intersection

Kirazlı Metro

Istanbul Zaim University

Courtyard By Marriott Istanbul Airport Hotel

Halkalı Güneşli Intersection

Halkalı Train Station

Halkalı Metro

Marmaray

Lake Küçükçekmece

Havaray Airtrain

IZU Shuttle Stop

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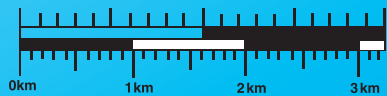
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